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WEST BENGAL				
55.	Ballagarh TPS		2x250 MW	Balagarh Power Co. Ltd. (CESC/ADB/TFC), USA
56.	Gouripore TPS		2x75 MW	Gouripore Power Comp. Ltd. Calcutta
57.	Sagardighi TPS		2x500 MW	DCL Kuljiam Corpn. CMS Generation, USA
	Total	3	1650.00	
	G.Total	57	37386.00	

[English]

Cauvery Off-shore Structure

*393. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken for development of off-shore structures in the Cauvery basin during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the work in this regard is progressing as per schedule; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken to expedite the work therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Government of India has awarded the following Production Sharing Contracts falling in Cauvery Offshore Basin for development :

(i) PY-3 (as part the offshore exploration block CY-OS-90/1) to the consortium of HOEC, India, Vaalco Energy Inc., USA, Tata Petrodyne, India and ONGC.

(ii) PY-I field to the consortium of Mosbacher Inc., USA, HOEC, India and Petrodyne, USA.

(b) and (c). Appraisal of PY-3 field has been carried out. However, the work after the appraisal stage has been delayed because of some unexpected results from drilling of the first well. The data was reviewed and after review it was decided to go ahead with the development plan.

In the case of PY-I field the drilling of appraisal well under Phase I could not be undertaken within the stipulated time because of non-availability of a rig. All efforts are being made by the contractor to mobilise a rig at the earliest.

Demand of Diesel

*394. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the current demand of diesel in agricultural, transport and industrial sector respectively;

(b) the share of indigenous sources in meeting the current demand of diesel, and

(c) whether the country can be self-sufficient in production of diesel in foreseeble future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The consumption of HSD during 1995-96 was 32.25 MMT, with 8.04 MMT sales through direct trade and 24.21 MMT through retail sale. End-use-wise data are not maintained.

(b) The share of indigenously produced HSD is about 64% of the total consumption during 1995-96.

(c) With the planned addition to the refining capacity, the share of indigenously produced HSD is estimated to be 78.5% of the projected demand at the end of the IX Plan (2001-02).

Fire in Oil Wells

*395. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of accidents of fire occurred in oil wells during the last three years, the loss suffered as a result thereof and the number of inquires initiated by the Government in this regard with the present status thereof;

(b) whether the Government have declined to make public the report of the enquiry committee constituted to ascertain the causes of fire at ONGC wells at Pasarlapudi in Krishna Godawari basin; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) During the period 1993-94 to 1995-96, there were three accidents of fire in the oil wells of ONGC and Oil India Ltd. The total loss suffered by ONGC and OIL on account of these accidents is estimated to be around Rs. 33.7 crores

The Government had set up a one-man Enquiry Committee to go into the blow out of ONGC well at